

some among themselves, and having little in common

with the *rayahs* or subject Syrians of plains except their tenacious clinging to their ancient Church, with Liturgies and rites, their homage to our Lord

Jesus as divine. They their priests, many whom cannot even read,

are sunk in the grossest

ignorance. They love vengeance, are careless of human life, and are wilder

and more savage than

their nominal masters. It

is among these people,

who purchase their free-

dom at the cost of absolute isolation, that Mr. Browne

is going to spend the coming winter, in the hope^v

of instructing their priests and deacons, to whom at

present guns are more than ordinances. He has been

among them already, and has won their good-will.

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These Ashirets, of whom the Tyari guests

are specimens, are quite unlike the Syrian low-

landers, not only in character but in costume and

habits. As they have naturalised numbers of Kurd-

ish words in their speech, so their dress, with its

colour, rich materials and embroideries, and lavish display of decorated and costly arms, is almost

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